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Sir:

In accordance with MPEP 609 and 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant brings the references listed on the attached PTO-1449-Form to the Examiner's attention and request that they be considered and made of record in this application. Copies of the non-U.S. patents are attached.

French Patent Publication No. FR 2671834 and German Patent Publication No. DE 4140129 appear to disclose a volute housing for a centrifugal fan. English abstracts of corresponding U.S. Patent No. 5,141,397 are attached to better understand these publications.

Japanese Utility Model Publication No. 61-36219 appears to disclose an air conditioner having a sirocco fan.

Japanese Utility Model Publication No. 63-118397 appears to disclose an air conditioner having a sirocco fan.

Japanese Laid-open Application No. 04-269399 appears to disclose a volute housing for a centrifugal fan. An English abstract is attached to better understand this publication.

Japanese Laid-open Application No. H05-17400 appears to disclose a centrifugal fan.

Japanese Laid-open Application No. 3303860 appears to disclose a centrifugal fan and air conditioner having a bell mouth and an impeller.

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International Patent Publication No. WO 0133144 appears to disclose a centrifugal

blower and an air conditioner.

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Prompt examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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